

VI. STREET FURNISHINGS

A. Narrative

Street furniture makes our urban spaces habitable. It participates in the place making of the Village as a whole. They are the elements which help establish the quality of streets and plazas within the Village. In their own right, they become the street.

Attention to the design and detailing of street furniture objects is as important to the Village's aesthetics as is its architecture. If not well designed or related to the total streetscape, they can add to the visual chaos of the street and to confusion in pedestrian movement.

B. Guidelines

1. Street furniture should be located in the street furniture/landscape zone of the sidewalk.
2. Street furniture consists of seating, pedestrian lighting, bollards, trash receptacles, bicycle racks, postal boxes, newspaper boxes, telephone booths.
3. Street furniture should be placed in a coherent composition. It should have a fairly regular pattern of placement to let pedestrians know they can expect places of rest or cover every so often.
4. Style, materials and color of the street furniture shall form a cohesive design and complement each other.



C. Seating

1. Consider weather, sunlight shadow and views in the placement of seating.
2. Seating may be backless or with a back. The backless bench is popular for architectural composition reasons. The backed benches are favorites for lingering and relaxation by pedestrians.
3. Moveable chairs may be considered for plazas and gardens.





D. Bicycle Racks

1. Bicycle racks should be provided at parks and plazas and in the street furniture/landscape zone on the sidewalk.
2. Bicycle racks should coordinate with other street furniture elements.

E. Bollards

1. Bollards are used to channel both vehicular and pedestrian movement
2. Bollards may be metal, concrete, stone or a combination of these materials.
3. Bollards should be permanent installations, but may be removable, in some instances for vehicular accessibility.
4. Bollards may be lighted, but shall coordinate with the context of their setting.
5. Bollard spacing will vary with the design intent. Barrier-free passage between bollards will require a minimum clear zone of 3'.

